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The "Marsellaise" is being heard above the tumult of the guns at Verdun.

A Vermont youngster, plucking flowers in a swamp near his home, picked up \$925 in greenbacks and checks. Lovely blossoms Vermont grows.

A Vermont company gets the contract for constructing a Vermont state building, this time the school for the feeble-minded at Brandon. It is a good thing to keep these contracts at home. For one thing, it stimulates home industry and home initiative.

Some of the aspirants for election as delegates to the Republican national convention from Vermont might as well make up their minds that they are going to be disappointed. There are considerably more than eight persons who have expressed their willingness to be drafted for the service; and eight is the limit.

It comes near to violation of the spirit of neutrality when the United States government permits the unloading of a shipload of war trophies captured by the French from the Germans, the same being intended for exhibition purposes in the United States to stimulate subscriptions for the French relief work. While there would be a natural curiosity on the part of the American people to see the grim reminders of the bloody work that is going on in Europe, it is fitting that those trophies be set up in the country, soldiers of which had the honor of capturing them; it is not fitting that the trophies should be set up in a neutral country where the sight would have a tendency to awaken enthusiasm for the belligerent which made the seizure.

The official returns from the Vermont presidential preference primary show that a total of 13,244 votes were cast, which is not so small a fraction of the normal vote as had been expected. It amounts to about one-quarter of the normal. In view of the fact that the presidential preference did not have the effect of a direct nomination, as the state primaries will have, it is to be expected that there will be a greater turnout of voters when they have the opportunity to register their selection of candidates on the latter basis. If Vermont's candidates are to be named by no less than a quarter of the normal voting strength of the state it will be a far more complete register of the voice of the people than is customary under the old caucus-convention system. There is no reason to condemn the Vermont primary law up to the present time. If it does not prove itself after several chances at direct nomination there will be time enough to condemn the law.

Those 30,000 troops which the Carranza government is said to be arranging to send to patrol the northern region of Mexico in order to drive out the bandits might be of service in another way should the Carranza government come to war with the United States. However, the latter contingency is mere speculation; there has been little to warrant a belief that the Carranza government has any desire to come into actual conflict with the United States. The de facto rulers in Mexico have taken an entirely different attitude since the Washington government sent a fairly sizeable army to the international boundary line; there has been far less swashbuckling and braggadocio. The results are calculated to reveal to the people and the government of the United States that a little show of force may go a long way toward settling the belligerent spirits of a bluffing nation like Mexico. Hereafter we may know better how to deal with Mexico.

The continued high price of copper, a condition caused largely by the war, has caused the starting of plans for the resumption of quite an important Vermont industry, it being announced that mines on the eastern side of the state will be reopened. For a year the mine on Pike hill in Corinth has been operated on a considerable scale, a large amount of ore being taken out and sent to the smelter; and if the production of that mine can be made to pay under the price paid for the product it ought to be equally possible to operate the mines slightly further south with a fair degree of profit. If it should be found impracticable, or if the price of copper should unexpectedly drop and cause another suspension of the business, there would be disappointment in that section but at the same time there would be slight satisfaction in the knowledge that the copper is there in the hills and ready to be moved when the conditions do become right. The copper is bound to be dug out of Vermont some time.

## THE AUSTRIAN DRIVE ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

The Austrian drive on the Italian defenses is, at the outset, almost a repetition of the German drive on the Verdun region of France. In the earlier offensive the Germans swept everything before for a few weeks, seizing a large amount of ground and one fort, besides capturing many prisoners; then their advances began to be measured by a shorter tape-line; finally, the progress was either

stopped entirely or held up in all but scattered points on the 23-mile front; now they are being forced back. At the outset of their offensive the Austrians have covered a considerable stretch of ground, as ground is measured in that mountainous locality between the two warring nations; they have seized many defenders of the Italian positions; they have either captured or destroyed much war materials. That, however, is only the first stage of the offensive. The other stages are to come, just as they came in the great German drive against Verdun. The outcome of those later stages is far less doubtful than the issue of the Verdun campaign. There can scarcely be any other way than that the Italians will win in the long run. The Italians have practically their entire normal strength intact; whereas the Austrians' ranks have been sadly depleted in the conflict with Russia and by the inroads into Serbia. The Italians have been building up their defenses as they slowly advanced, having had months and months at their command while comparatively unharmed. Italy has hardly begun to draw on her financial resources while Austria has long been conducting warfare partially on the credit of Germany. Actual experience in war perhaps favors the Austrians because they have been through nearly two years of bitter training; but all other material considerations favor the Italians. There can be but one result of the present offensive by the Austrians. That is Italian victory, albeit the result may be long delayed.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## Communicable Diseases.

The Barre Times thinks that "Discussion of 'Communicable Disease,' especially with reference to smallpox and chickenpox, ought to be valuable to the Vermont health officers who gather in Burlington next July for their annual school. The ability to distinguish between smallpox and chickenpox right at the outbreak is not possessed by all physicians in the same degree; indeed, some physicians fail to make an early diagnosis of smallpox, mistaking it for chickenpox, and as a result the germs of an epidemic of the former get well started."

We suspect that the failure to diagnose cases of smallpox is not so often the fault of the physician as it is of the sympathetic neighbor or the amateur nurse. One of the best known physicians of Burlington, who had several thousand cases of smallpox under his charge at one time, in the war for the union, was wont to say that the disease had a characteristic odor, which could not possibly be mistaken, and which would instantly differentiate smallpox from chickenpox or from any other disease known to humanity.

We fancy this peculiarity of the disease still exists, and if so, why should there be any liability to mistake in diagnosis—if the physician is a man of even average ability as a sniffer?—Burlington News.

## Hoarding Silver.

While the governments of Europe are hoarding all the gold that they can get hold of as a means of protecting their wavering credit, the people of those countries are hoarding the silver coins that the governments have been coining in greatly increased numbers. No one of the chief reasons given for the rise of silver. Two years ago it took forty ounces of silver to buy one ounce of gold; now the ratio is twenty-seven to one. Of course there is another reason in the decreased supply of silver, for Mexico, which provides a large part of the world's supply of silver, has been too busy with revolutions and raids to allow the operation of its rich mines. But a more important reason, and one that may have far-reaching consequences, is the increased silver coinage in Europe and the zeal with which the masses put the paper to circulation. When Germany, by force, and France, by persuasion, gathered in all the gold available, they would likely to have issued only paper money for circulation, but governments have to consider the habits and prejudices of the people. So along with the enormous increase in paper money they had to coin much more silver. That has an intrinsic value, whatever the terms of peace, while paper money may suffer many unhappy things. They can operate in safety, are happy. But among all the curious political miscalculations of the times there is no indication that the silver party will come to life again.—Boston Herald.

All this means that the countries on a silver basis are in a happy position as regards international trade. In terms of gold their silver is worth almost twice as much as before the war. In the mean time the silver miners, where they can operate in safety, are happy. But among all the curious political miscalculations of the times there is no indication that the silver party will come to life again.—Boston Herald.

## Vermont is Calling.

The Greater Vermont association has fathered the happy scheme of Old Home week, this 1916, for a homecoming for Vermonters everywhere, the native-born, the children, and the grandchildren. And it is a pretty good year for such a gathering of absent ones, as it happens to be an anniversary year, the 125th of Vermont joining the union of states. So come back to the green hills and see the folks who are left.

To those who went to other fields years ago this suggestion is very sure to touch a tender spot and stir memories that will impel a longing to see the old place once more. There is the farmhouse on the hillside with the sugar maples; the old meeting house; the village green; and the little red schoolhouse—if it can be found. Familiar faces will be sadly lacking, but the hills are just as green and inviting and wholesome as ever. The hills may not look quite as big as they used to look and the streams and ponds will seem just a little smaller, but it is the same old place just the same. The younger folks have heard many times how dad carved his name with a jackknife on the pine bench on the back row of the district schoolhouse—and teacher licked him for it. Then there are the swimming hole, the trout pools, and the bass beds. Things have changed mightily, but the fishing is as good as ever. And the strawberry fields, the raspberry bushes, and the patches of long blackberries, the sweetest and best

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berries under the sun, that mother tells so much about. The girls will want to see where these used to grow.

Those who have not been back to little old Vermont for a long time must come prepared for big changes. The old farmhouse is quite likely to be as white as ever with the same shade of green blinds, but a towering red coated silo marks the home of high-bred dairy stock and an automobile is in every yard—pretty near. The meeting house has been spruced up a lot, if a new one hasn't taken a place with a big organ and—smaller congregation. The village green is in just the same place, a hay field no longer though, but an inviting lawn-clipped carpet of green, with a sign, "Keep off the grass." Majestic buildings of brick and marble house the school boys and girls. Blazing electric lights have changed dark streets into day and the old tin lantern exists only in tradition. Spinning wheels, once so busy, are idle in the homes of the city rich and things all around are lots different. The ceteris paribus will surprise you.

The Greater Vermont association tells you to come back. Come right along even if you have to ride in a Pullman or a touring car. The green hills are beckoning and all the latch strings are always out.—St. Albans Messenger.

## LOG ROLLING OUTING.

State Association, M. W. of A., to Meet June 22 at Essex Junction.

Essex Junction, May 24.—A grand outing and field day of the M. W. of A. Vermont State Log Rolling association will be held here June 22 under the auspices of Ethan Allen camp, No. 16332. A program of sports will be carried out on the Baxter lot, where the addresses will also be given. There will be cash prizes to the amount of about \$1400. There will be a parade of decorated floats, automobiles, etc. A game of baseball will be played on the freight house grounds by the local high school team and the Johnson high school team. If the day is pleasant an attendance of from 1,200 to 1,500 is expected.

## MIDDLESEX.

Mrs. Jennie Jacobs of East Montpelier was a week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Miles, and family.

Mrs. Lucy (Hill) Kikoreau of Lynn, Mass., came Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hill.

Mrs. Homer Lambert and two sons have returned from a visit to her parents in North Randolph.

Miss Rena Fay of Montpelier spent several days with her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Somers, last week.

George Herring has moved his family to Montpelier.

Miss Bernice Price of Johnson Normal school was a week-end visitor at home.

R. T. White was in Woodstock Tuesday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. Albert Crane spent Saturday in Montpelier.

Walter Russell moved Wednesday from the M. E. parsonage to the house vacated by George Herring.

In England.

Willie Firefly—Mamma, can I go out and play to-night?

"Yes, Willie, but dim your lights and look out for Zepherina!"—Puck.

## ON MORMONS AND MAMMON

(Continued from first page.)

the traction concern to pay a certain part of the cost of paving, whenever a project of the kind is undertaken. Alderman Shurtliff said he wouldn't favor saddling the abutting land owners on South Main street with the burden of paying the railroad's assessment, an opinion in which Alderman Glysson also concurred immediately. Lack of resources was ascribed as the company's reason for declining to join with the city, and the abutters, and in closing, H. T. Sands, the general manager, who signed the communication, said he would meet the council within a few days if a conference should be desired. It was decided to confer with Mr. Sands at the council chamber Saturday afternoon. Then the mayor and the street committee were authorized to take such steps as are necessary in bringing the matter of bonding before a special city meeting and to carry out the provisions for paving and bridge building as embodied in a resolution adopted last week. It is probable that the special city meeting will be held early in June.

Action recommended in the following street department reports, where action was anticipated, was authorized and the reports were accepted for filing: Monser Deep's application to build on North Seminary street, applicant abandoned plans and request withdrawn; steam crusher boiler replaced by electric motor and boiler placed on sale; John Cleary given permission to dig under sidewalk for a sewer connection; investigation of complaint regarding dumping of stone chips in Stevens branch disclosed that ordinance is not being violated; arrangements made with I. Gones for sewer improvement; school signs for the attention of motorists changed from Church street to Summer and Elm streets; investigation disclosed the fact that the city has no right to build a footbridge on private property over Stevens branch. Louis Romero's request for a pool room license was granted on the favorable report of the license committee and on the report of the fire committee Mrs. Buchanan's request for a permit to build a henhouse was granted.

From the city attorney the legislative committee reported a resolution establishing the building line on the eastern side of North Main street, from Elm street to Brook street four feet back of the street line. The resolution was adopted without debate. An amendment to chapter 26 of the city ordinances providing for a deputy chief and prescribing his duties was read for the second time, adopted and ordered printed.

Acting on a communication from the manager of the Barre Citizens' band, Mayor Gordon appointed Aldermen Glysson, Bruce and Reynolds to confer with the band regarding outdoor concerts and to report at the next meeting. Constable G. L. Morris presented a bill for \$37.50 to cover the cost of his bond for 1916, but the bill wasn't approved for payment, as the aldermen held that the blanket bond provision made at the city meeting in April does not become operative until 1917. Mrs. W. F. Shepard was granted permission to use the city court room on the evening of May 31, after the request had been referred to the chairman of the property committee.

The wiring inspector, David N. Gilbertson, reported favorably on the following requests to wire and permits were granted: George A. Lucia, to wire for lights at 27 Nelson street; R. L. Clark, for lights at 31 Brook street; Montpelier & Barre Lighting & Power Co., for nine house meters; John Berinato, for lights at 317 North Main street; E. A. Bugbee, for lights at 109 Orange street; H. F. Cutler, for lights in the rear of Cutler Bros' stable. A. H. Buzzell's request for permission to build a garage annex on Summer street was referred to the fire committee on the recommendation of the building inspector. Permits to build were granted the following applicants: J. J. Ossola, to raise a barn on North Main street; John Cayia, to build a piazza at 11 Brooklyn street; A. A. Lamorey, garage on Currier street; William Cole & Sons, to roof stonished on Blackwell street; Jones & Stevens, to erect stonished annex, 12 by 5 feet, on Smith street. The fire committee recommended that G. Tomasi be permitted to build a store front on Cottage street if brick is used and if a fireproof wall is erected. The report was accepted.

Warrants were approved for payment in the following order: Street department payroll, \$379.17; street sprinkling, sewer, sidewalk, and health accounts; water department payroll, \$63.68; fire department payroll, \$75.15; police department payroll, \$80.39; election payroll, \$138.16; G. A. Bemis, \$14, city hall duties; James P. Riley, \$36, assisting assessors; Calder & Richardson, \$281.53, coal for the city building.

## WILLIAMSTOWN

86th Annual Meeting of Orange County Association of Congregationalists.

The 86th annual meeting of the Orange County Association of Congregational Churches will be held at the church in Williamstown May 25 and 26. Rev. W. T. Sparhawk of Randolph is moderator and John M. Comstock of Chelsea, clerk. The general theme of the convention will be "Evangelism: The Living Christ in a Working Church—Go ye \* \* \* make disciples \* \* \* and lo I am with you." The first session will open at 11 a. m. Thursday, with devotional service, led by Rev. John Irons of Williamstown, followed by organization, greetings, a foreword by Rev. J. Frank Locke, and dinner at 12 o'clock.

At 1:30 p. m., devotional service, led by Rev. J. Q. Mitchell; 1:45, reports of committees and other business; 2:30, "The Church Evangelizing Its Own Vicinity"; address, "Pastoral Evangelism—The Minister," Rev. G. E. Goodlife, Randolph Center; address, "Personal Evangelism—The Members," Rev. Fraser Metzger, Randolph; address, "Co-operative Evangelism—The Church Organizations," Rev. C. K. Tracy, Stafford; discussion, opened by J. M. Comstock of Chelsea and A. W. Tewksbury of Randolph; 4, association sermon, Rev. J. A. Lawrence, Chelsea; communion service, presiding minister, Rev. Leland E. Tupper; 6, supper.

At 7:30 o'clock, devotional service, led by Rev. William Taylor of Brookfield; address, "The Vital Purpose of the Church," Rev. J. W. Barnett of Barre; address, Rev. S. F. Blomfield of Montpelier.

Friday, 9 a. m., devotional service led by Miss Estella Dickenson; 9:15, business; 9:30, "The Church Evangelizing in Regions Beyond"; address, "Points of Contact in the Local Church," Mrs. J. M. Comstock of Chelsea; discussion opened by Miss Mary E. Waterman and Mrs. Fraser Metzger of Randolph; address, he has been doing?—Judge.

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## THE VAUGHAN STORE

"The Nearer Field," Miss Frances Ina Rust; addresses, "The Field Ajar," Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Woodward, missionaries in the Gilbert Islands, Micronesia; 11:30, final business; 12, dinner.

Practice meeting of I. O. O. F. in first degree, Friday night. Members please be present.

"Rebecca's Triumph," a drama in three acts, will be presented in grange hall Friday night, May 26, by the Agenda class, with the following cast of characters: Mrs. Bokeman, a wealthy lady, Lena Seaver; Mrs. Delaine, a widow, Marion Walbridge; Rebecca, a founding, Gladys Martin; Clarissa Codman, a spinster, Ruth Bruce; Dora Gaines, Sadie Morell, Jennie Woodman, Nellie Dunbar, Emma Stevens, Maria Gray and Gussie Green, "our club," respectively, Grace Bruce, Doris Covell, Ruth Gale, Bessie Shorey, Winona Oneill, Rhoda Bruce and Alice Alger; Katie Conner, an Irish girl, Marie Taylor; Gyp, a colored girl, Arlene Jeffords; Meg, a vagrant, Fern Lassell. Admission, adults, 25c; children, 10c. Curtain rises at 8 o'clock.—adv.

## MME. ANITA RIO ILL.

But Mme. Sundelius Is Secured for Festival Soprano.

The final rehearsal for the music festival by the Montpelier Choral society, which began at the Montpelier city hall this afternoon, was held last evening, Dan Beddoe, the tenor soloist for the festival, being present and singing with the chorus several times during the evening.

After complimenting the chorus upon the work they had done during the past four months, Mr. Coffin stated that he had a telegram to read, as follows: "Have laryngitis. Impossible to sing Thursday. Am heartbroken. Anita Rio." Mr. Coffin explained how this eleventh hour change had taken him completely by surprise, but that, after much telephoning and telegraphing, he had the good fortune to secure Mme. Marie Sundelius, the Swedish soprano, who sang in Montpelier in 1914 with Reache, as the soprano soloist to fill Mme. Rio's place. Mme. Sundelius had improved wonderfully, he said, in these two years, now being under contract with the Metropolitan opera house of New York for the next year.

While the inability of Mme. Rio to come was a disappointment, everyone felt relieved that so capable an artist as Mme. Sundelius had been obtained upon such short notice to fill her place. When Mr. Coffin reached Mme. Sundelius by telephone, she was just leaving for New York, and in another five minutes would have been on her way.

The evening concerts begin at 8 p. m., and the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The programs for to-night and to-morrow afternoon follow:

**This Evening.**  
 PART I.  
 "The Creation," Part One.....Haydn  
 Miss Stoddard, Mr. Beddoe, Mr. Flint, Chorus and Orchestra  
 PART II.  
 Lend Me Your Aid, Queen of Sheba, Gounod  
 Mr. Beddoe

**Mr. Beddoe**  
 Songs.  
 Miss Stoddard  
 Final Trio from Faust.....Gounod  
 Miss Stoddard, Mr. Beddoe  
 and Mr. Flint  
 Yeoman's Wedding Song.  
 Prince Poniatowski  
 Male Chorus  
 Vulcan's Song.....Gounod  
 Mr. Flint

"The Creation," The Lord Is Great, Haydn  
 Miss Stoddard, Mr. Beddoe, Mr. Flint, Chorus and Orchestra

**Thursday Afternoon.**  
 Coronation March, With Courage and Faith.....Meyerbeer, arr. by Silver Chorus  
 Overture, Phedre.....Masenet  
 Orchestra

(a) Minuet, Rose.....Ganne  
 (b) Entr' Acte, Naughty Marietta, Helbert  
 Orchestra

Plus Grand Dans Son Obscurite, Queen of Sheba.....Gounod  
 Mrs. Bradish

Suite, La Source.....Delibes  
 1. Scarf Dance.....3. Variation  
 2. Scene D'Amour.....4. Dance Circassienne  
 Orchestra

Piano Solo; Troisime Balade, Op. 47, Chopin  
 Miss Parker

(a) Reverie.....Francoeur  
 (b) Minuet.....Bolton  
 (c) Entr' Acte Gavotte.....Gillet  
 Strings

Pan Americana.....Herbert  
 Orchestra

## His Futile Attempt.

Mr. Scraggington (in the midst of his reading)—Here is an item about a blasted fool who kissed his wife 2,600 times in one day.

Mrs. Scraggington—Of course, he was a fool, to think he could deceive his wife that way! What does the account say Fraser Metzger of Randolph; address, he has been doing?—Judge.

## MORETOWN.

Those from this place, who attended the I. O. O. F. convention at Burlington the past week were, F. H. Sawyer, T. J. Ferris and F. H. Bulkeley.

Master Roswell Child spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Albert Rattee, in Waterbury.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Atkins and W. L. Wilcox were in Barre Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Flint and two children, Ruth and Madeline, went to Richmond Sunday. Mrs. Flint and children remaining for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hill.

Mrs. H. J. Nelson, who underwent an operation for removal of a tumor at Mary Fletcher hospital Thursday, is as comfortable as could be expected.

Pre-Memorial exercises will be held at the grammar school room on Friday afternoon.

J. W. Bates is seriously ill as the result of a fall which he sustained Wednesday afternoon, when he fell through a trap door at Ward's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dana and little son of Burlington, were over-Sunday guests at A. J. Neill's.

Mrs. C. B. McAllister of Essex Junction was at M. R. Child's and B. F. Griffith's Sunday.

Mrs. F. G. Kew and daughter, Phyllis, of Waitsfield spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brown and daughter, Dorothy, of East Moretown were guests at G. W. Bulkeley's Sunday.

From Both Points of View.

"Go!" said the girl. "I wash my hands of you."

"Before you do any hand-washing, better take off that ring I gave you," he retorted, frigidly.

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